This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (currently amended): A hand-held data handling device, comprising:

a housing;

a keyboard, located on a user accessible surface of said housing, comprising a plurality of individual, user-depressible keys;

a screen input component, located on a user accessible surface of said housing, said screen input component located distinctly from said keyboard;

a visual display, located at least partially at the same location occupied by said screen input component, said visual display being capable of presenting visual information to a user[[,]];

an optical information sensing component, housed by said housing, capable of sensing light energy reflected from an optical indicia[[,]]; and

a computerized data handling system, located internally of said housing, coupled with said keyboard and said screen input component;

wherein said housing is of a shape and size permitting the data handling device to be hand-held and portable such that data can be input while said housing is held in a user's hand.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 21, wherein said optical information sensing component comprises an optical indicia reader.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 22, wherein said optical indicia reader comprises a bar code scanner.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 21, wherein said optical information sensing component comprises an optical communication component.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 24, wherein said optical communication component is capable of wireless communication with a computerized device.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 24, wherein said optical communication component is positioned so as to communicatively couple with a docking device when docked therewith.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 21, further comprising a wire communication component enabling the hand-held data handling device to communicate via a wired connection.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 27, wherein said wire communication component enables the hand-held data handling device to communicate via a wire-linked telephonic communication system.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 21, wherein said housing is of a shape and size permitting the hand-held data handling device to be gripped in one hand during data entry via said screen input component.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 21, wherein said housing is of a shape and size permitting the hand-held data handling device to be gripped in one hand during data entry via said keyboard.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 21, wherein said housing is of a shape and size permitting the hand-held data handling device to be gripped in one hand during use of said optical information sensing component.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 21, further comprising an information storage card.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 32, wherein said information storage card is a user-removable information storage card.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 21, wherein said screen input component comprises a touch screen.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 21, wherein said keyboard is located adjacent to said screen input component.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 21, wherein said optical information sensing component is structured to function both as a wireless communication component and as an optical indicia reader.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 36, further comprising a user-removable memory module.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 36, wherein said optical information sensing component is capable of communicating with a computerized device.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 36, wherein said optical information sensing component is positioned so as to communicatively couple with a docking device when docked therewith.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 36, wherein said optical information sensing component comprises a bar code reader.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 36, further comprising a wire communication component enabling the hand-held data handling device to communicate via a wired connection.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 41, wherein said wire communication component enables the hand-held data handling device to communicate via a wire-linked telephonic communication system.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 36, wherein said housing is of a shape and size permitting the hand-held data handling device to be gripped in one hand during data entry via said screen input component.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 36, wherein said housing is of a shape and size permitting the hand-held data handling device to be gripped in one hand during data entry via said keyboard.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The hand-held data handling device of claim 36, wherein said housing is of a shape and size permitting the hand-held data handling device to be gripped in one hand during use of said optical information sensing component.

Claim 46 (currently amended): An apparatus, comprising:

a housing;

an array of depressible keys;

a screen input system, comprising an input screen area located distinctly from said array of depressible keys, said screen input system being capable of detecting a touch to said input screen area and of determining where on said input screen area that touch has occurred;

a visual display, located at least partially at the same location occupied by said input screen area, said visual display being capable of presenting visual information to a user;

an optical information sensing component, capable of sensing light energy reflected from an optical indicia; and

a computerized processing system, communicatively coupled with said array of depressible keys, said screen input system, said visual display and said optical information sensing component;

wherein said housing is of a shape and size permitting the apparatus to be hand-held and portable such that data can be input while said housing is held in a user's hand[[,]].

Claim 47 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 46, wherein said optical information sensing component comprises an optical indicia reader capable of reading machine-readable optical indicia.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 47, wherein said optical indicia reader comprises a bar code scanner.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 46, wherein said optical information sensing component is also capable of wireless communication with a computerized device.

Claim 50 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 46, further comprising a housing supporting said array of depressible keys, said screen input system, said visual display, said optical information sensing component and said computerized processing system;

wherein said housing is of a shape and size permitting the apparatus to be gripped in one hand during data entry via said screen input system.

Claim 51 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 46, further comprising a housing supporting said array of depressible keys, said screen input system, said visual display, said optical information sensing component and said computerized processing system;

wherein said housing is of a shape and size permitting the apparatus to be gripped in one hand during data entry via said array of depressible keys.

Claim 52 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 46, further comprising a housing supporting said array of depressible keys, said screen input system, said visual display, said optical information sensing component and said computerized processing system;

wherein said housing is of a shape and size permitting the apparatus to be gripped in one hand during data entry via said optical information sensing component.

Claim 53 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 46, further comprising a user-removable data storage module.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 46, wherein said screen input system comprises a touch screen capable of sensing where on said input screen area a user has touched said input screen area.

Claim 55 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 46, wherein said array of depressible keys is located adjacent to said input screen area.

Claim 56 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 46, further comprising a wire communication component enabling the apparatus to communicate with a computerized device via a wired connection.

Claim 57 (currently amended): An apparatus, comprising:

means for providing a hand-held, portable housing;

means for inputting data via depressible keys, located on said means for providing a hand-held, portable housing;

means for inputting data via a screen, located distinctly from said means for inputting data via depressible keys, said means for inputting data via a screen being supported by said means for providing a hand-held, portable housing;

means for displaying visual information, located at least partially at the same location occupied by said means for inputting data via a screen;

means for sensing optical information, supported by said means for providing a hand-held, portable housing; and

means for processing data, supported by said means for providing a hand-held, portable housing, said means for processing data being communicatively coupled with said means for inputting data via depressible keys, said means for inputting data via a screen, said means for displaying visual information and said means for sensing optical information;

wherein said means for providing a hand-held, portable housing is of a shape and size permitting the apparatus to be hand-held and portable such that data can be input while said means for providing a hand-held, portable housing is held in a user's hand[[,]].

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